CHAPTER 789

(House Bill 820)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Juvenile Causes FG 302-77

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of masters to hear juvenile causes in Prince George's County after a certain date; and increasing the number of resident circuit court judges to handle the case load in that County; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Courts and Judicial Froceedings Section 1-503(a) (16), 3-803(a), and 3-813(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 1-503(a) (16), 3-803(a), and 3-813(a) of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1-503.

- (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges provided for by the Constitution:

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(a) In Baltimore City, PRINCE GEORGE'S CCUNTY and in any county in which the case load requires it, one or more judges shall be assigned specially to handle cases arising under this subtitle. The assignment shall be made by the administrative judge of the circuit, subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, except that in Montgomery County, the assignment shall be made by the Chief Judge of the District Court, subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The judges so assigned [shall] ARE not [be] subject to an automatic regular rotation.